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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 358
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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study
issues relating to the implementation of a state
lottery.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred Second General Assembly considered and passed
Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 which proposes an amendment to Article XI, Section 5, of the
Constitution of Tennessee relative to lotteries; and

WHEREAS, such proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people by placing
such question on the ballot of the 2002 November general election; and

WHEREAS, in implementing a state lottery, the General Assembly will be required to
address administrative, procedural, educational, health, statutory, regulatory, economic, social
and other issues; and

WHEREAS, the proper analysis of these issues is of vital importance to the
implementation of a lottery in Tennessee and such issues should be carefully and extensively
studied by the members of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee to study issues relating to the implementation of a state lottery. In the course of such study, the special joint committee shall conduct:

(1) An assessment of the current state of:

(A) Higher education in Tennessee;

(B) Tennessee-funded college scholarship programs, including the amount of debt incurred by Tennessee college students and its effect upon such students pre-graduation and post-graduation;

(C) Kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) educational facilities;

(D) Early learning programs; and

(E) After school programs.

(2) An analysis of the benefit from projected lottery revenues to the institutions, individuals, projects and programs assessed in item (1).

(3) An examination of the creation and implementation of lotteries in Georgia, Kentucky, Virginia and South Carolina, including the statutory and regulatory authority for each;

(4) An inquiry into measures and initiatives used in other states to combat compulsive gambling and other social concerns associated with gaming;

(5) An assessment of the Hope Scholarship Program in the state of Georgia and its effect on high school and college performance, as well as graduation rates in the state;

(6) An estimation of the amount of revenue lost to surrounding states due to Tennesseans playing those states' lotteries and an estimation of other revenues lost due to ancillary spending by Tennesseans when playing such lotteries; and

(7) An evaluation of all other issues deemed appropriate by the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of seven (7) members of the House of Representatives and seven (7) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Second General Assembly no later than October 1, 2002, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.